



Liquor Chronicles

Department of Revenue

Liquor Distribution Team

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Visa/MasterCard Settlement

Following is some information for store agents who may be eligible for a Visa/MasterCard settlement.

Control states that accepted Visa and/or MasterCard credit cards between October 25, 1992 and June 21, 2003 should have received claim forms as part of the settlement of a class action lawsuit alleging unlawful practices by the two major credit card issuers. The settlement, reached in April, 2003, will distribute several billion dollars to eligible retailers. The lawsuit alleged that Visa and MasterCard violated antitrust laws by requiring retailers to accept signature debit cards if they honored traditional credit cards.

The federal judge overseeing the settlement this week approved an extension of the deadline within which to file claim forms. Although the forms state that they are supposed to be filed by November 25, 2005, the new deadline is December 28, 2005.

Further information can be found on the litigation's website, www.inrevisacheckmastermoneyantitrustlitigation.com. The website will also allow control states to view the year-by-year credit card sales totals that have been attributed to them in the event they wish to challenge the initial determination of the damages they will receive.



November Holidays

The following holidays will be observed in November this year. All agency liquor stores must be closed on these holidays. Please plan ahead and mark your calendars for placing your orders timely during the busy holiday season.

Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11, 2005. Stores with a Friday pick date must have their orders submitted to the Helena office by 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, for processing.

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 24, 2005. Stores with a Thursday pick date must have their orders submitted to the Helena office by 4:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21, for processing. Also stores with a Monday, November 21, pick date must have their orders submitted Thursday or Friday of the previous week. Please check your picking calendars for your scheduled order date.



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Integrated Revenue Information System

As reported earlier, the department's Integrated Revenue Information System (IRIS) will include a component for liquor distribution. We are confident this new system will meet not only the department's needs, but yours as well.

Developing, testing and training of the liquor component are taking place currently and will be of the utmost importance over the next couple of months. Because testing is ongoing, there should be no service interruptions when the new system goes live.

The implementation date has been extended to the week of January 16, 2005. This will correlate with our annual warehouse inventory and will help avoid any interference during the busy holiday season. We will keep you updated on further developments, including information about the business changes you will notice.

Whaler's Vanilla Gift Pack

The Whaler's Vanilla Gift Pack for the holiday season has been shipped out to all the stores that were interested in this product. Unfortunately, the vendor shipped the wrong gift pack. The gift pack according to the holiday packet should have come with 6 bottles per case with two tiki mugs attached to each bottle. The vendor actually shipped 12 bottle cases with a shot glass attached to each bottle. If your store has received this product, please hold onto it. We will be contacting you shortly with new 12-pack pricing. If you decide you do not want to keep this item, we will have it picked up. Please let us know your decision when we call your store. If you have any questions, please call Steve Swanson at 800-332-6135.

New Products

Koltiska Original Liqueur
410-75235-37
24 pack @ \$12.00/bottle

Michter's Single Barrel 10yr Bourbon
151-19876-75
3 pack @ \$66.50/bottle

Michter's Single Barrel 10yr Rye
181-27062-75
3 pack @ \$80.65/bottle

Modern Spirits Candied Ginger Vodka
290-990247-37
6 pack @ \$24.45/bottle

Monarch Vodka
280-36938-17
6 pack @ \$12.15/bottle

Old Forester 100pf 4yr
150-16396-75
12 pack @ \$12.95/bottle

Screech Rum
305-42909-75
12 pack @ \$15.60/bottle

Shakers American Rye Vodka
280-37906-75
12 pack @ \$29.45/bottle

Shakers Raspberry/Honey Liqueur
475-77377-75
12 pack @ \$29.45/bottle

Tequila Rose Cocoa Liqueur
449-67101-05
60 pack @ \$.90/bottle

Van Gogh Espresso Vodka
265-35005-75
12 pack @ \$26.85/bottle

Product Updates

Price Changes

Broker's London Dry Gin
200-28352-10
12 pack @ **\$17.95/bottle**
Was: \$22.95/bottle

Finlandia Cranberry Vodka
265-34339-75
12 pack @ **\$17.95/bottle**
Was: \$11.50/bottle

Finlandia Lime Vodka
265-34346-75
12 pack @ **\$17.95/bottle**
Was: \$11.50/bottle

Opal Nera Black Sambuca
415-66076-75
6 pack @ **\$24.15/bottle**
Was: \$22.45/bottle

NABCA Number Changes

Tequila Rose Cocoa Liqueur
449-67104-75
6 pack @ \$17.55/bottle
Was: 425-80487-75

Tequila Rose Java Liqueur
449-67111-75
6 pack @ \$17.55/bottle
Was: 425-80494-75

NABCA Number & Pack Changes

Ke Ke Beach
425-68555-05
60 pack @ \$0.90/bottle
Was: 425-68551-05
120 pack

Pack & Price Changes

Xellent Swiss Vodka
255-34957-75
6 pack @ \$28.00/bottle
Was: 12 pack @ \$34.00/bottle

Discontinued Products

Blackadder
101-901002-75

Glen Deveron 12yr
100-4955-75

Medos Honey Flavored Vodka
265-34528-75

Crockpot Hot Buttered Rum Recipe

Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- ◆ ½ cup butter or margarine
- ◆ 1 pinch salt
- ◆ 3 sticks cinnamon
- ◆ 6 whole cloves
- ◆ ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ◆ 2 cups rum
- ◆ heavy cream – whipped
- ◆ ground nutmeg – for topping

Directions:

Put all ingredients, except rum and cream, and nutmeg into crockpot. Add 2 quarts hot water. Stir well. Cover pot and cook on LOW for 5 hours. Add rum; stir to blend. Serve from pot in warm mugs with a scoop of whipped cream and a dusting of nutmeg.